



THE UIA GOLD MEDAL AND PRIZES

To encourage merit, talent and activities of international importance, the International Union of Architects (UIA) awards a number of prizes every three years, to be presented during the UIA World Congress.

The UIA Council created the UIA Gold Medal for outstanding architectural achievement in 1984.

The prize itself is a solid gold medal on which the words "UIA GOLD MEDAL", the date and the name of the winner are engraved. It recognizes outstanding architectural achievement by an architect or group of architects, taking into account all aspects of the architecture of several buildings constructed over a period of time. The Gold Medal was awarded for the first time during the XV UIA Congress in Cairo (Egypt), in 1985.

In memory of the former Presidents of the Union, four other prizes are awarded for planning, technology, education and human settlements. A new prize was created in 2007 in the name of Vassilis Sgoutas, former UIA president.

In principle, the international jury awards, once every three years, one Gold Medal and the following prizes:

- Sir Patrick Abercrombie Prize
- Auguste Perret Prize
- Jean Tschumi Prize
- Sir Robert Matthew Prize
- Vassilis Sgoutas Prize

The jury may however decide against awarding a Prize or, on the contrary, and quite exceptionally, choose to award more than one Prize ex-aequo and/or honourable mentions.

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THE UIA GOLD MEDAL

The UIA Gold Medal is the highest honour which the International Union of Architects can bestow on a living architect. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement in the field of architecture and for distinguished service to man and society through the architectural profession, over an extended period of time.

The UIA Gold Medal is awarded every three years at the UIA World Congress. It is not mandatory that the Gold Medal be awarded at each congress if, in the opinion of the jury, there is no nominee sufficiently qualified for the award.

THE UIA PRIZES

50 years after their creation, the UIA Prizes are now established as premier international prizes for architects and town planners. The jury attributes these prizes every three years during the UIA World Congress.

These five prizes are:

The UIA Prize for Town-Planning or Territorial Development, in memory of Sir Patrick Abercrombie, the first UIA President

The UIA Prize for Applied Technology in Architecture, in memory of Auguste Perret, former Honorary President of the UIA

The UIA Prize for Architectural Criticism or Architectural Education, in memory of Jean Tschumi, former UIA President

The UIA Prize for the Improvement of the Quality of Human Settlements, in memory of Sir Robert Matthew, former UIA President.

The Vassilis Sgoutas Prize, founded by former UIA President Vassilis Sgoutas, for architecture serving the most impoverished and for the conception of ingenious solutions for reducing poverty and indigence.



REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Any living architect in the world, as well as any firm or group of individual architects, is eligible for the Gold Medal if all the criteria are met with. The achievements of a firm or group must be as a collaborative effort over an extended period of time, with the same individuals as leaders of the group. However, nominations will not normally be considered unless the individual, firm or group concerned has already received a major architectural award.

Nominations for the UIA Prizes shall be presented by UIA Member Sections, it being understood that a Section may propose candidates of any nationality or place of residence on condition that the candidate is not only academically qualified as an architect but is also licenced or registered to practice the profession in his or her country of residence.

NOMINATIONS

Only UIA Member Sections may make nominations for the Gold Medal and for the UIA Prizes. Each Member Section may make only one nomination. This nomination shall be submitted in accordance with these regulations and the time schedule fixed by the General Secretariat.

Note that Member Sections may submit more than one candidature for the Vassilis Sgoutas Prize.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

A nomination for the UIA Gold Medal and Prizes shall be presented electronically on the web platform, <https://uiaprizes.awardsplatform.com>.

Nominations shall consist of a short CV, a digital photo of the candidate, the Section's reasons for nominating the candidate and a résumé of the candidate's work, including a maximum of 10 photographs. Candidatures presented in any other format will not be admitted. All candidatures should be submitted in one of the two UIA working languages, French and English.

The copyright in all images provided in the submission must either be owned by the submitter who agrees to allow UIA to use such images in conjunction with UIA programs without restriction, or the submitter has secured the appropriate third party permissions and licenses to effectuate the same.

SÉLECTION

A jury of distinguished architects, namely the 9 members of the UIA Bureau, will attribute the UIA Gold Medal and Prizes. The candidate selected for any award must receive an affirmative vote from at least two-thirds of the jury.